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Republicans Beware!

At last Thursday's city election, there were elected twenty councilmen of the Republican faith and sixteen Democrats. These, with the holdovers in the first branch, give the Republican party control of the council by eight majority. The twenty-six Republican councilmen entered into a caucus Saturday night, and named the party candidates for the several offices in the gift of council. These offices will be filled to-night, and it would appear a mere matter of course that the Republican nominees would be elected.

But the Democratic minority is desperate, and its desperation is only equalled by its magnanimity. The minority offers to allow any five Republican councilmen who will break over from the caucus nominees to elect—with the aid of the minority—any Republicans whom the five may select for the several offices. The bait is a tempting one, but it is highly improbable that the desperate Democracy will be able to accomplish its purpose—which is none other than the disorganizing of the present highly effective Republican organization in the county and city. Assuredly, there are not five Republicans in the new council who would so soon dig their own political and social graves.

Slightly Inconsistent.

We observe in a Charleston dispatch to the Register that the house committee on labor decided to report adversely upon Mr. Connelly's eight-hour bill, the bill for the prevention of child labor and that requiring certain precautions by employers. The committee has a Democratic majority. These friends of labor do not, evidently, sympathize with the law which has been almost universally adopted in this country and by the federal government, recognizing the eight hour day for labor on public works. The purpose of the bill is not to interfere between private employers and their men, for that could not be done; it is to apply the principle to public works, and to recognize the system for the effect it would have.

An adverse report on such a law is strangely inconsistent with the professed friendship for labor indulged in by our friends on the other side of the political fence. It is hoped that Mr. Connelly will push the matter on the floor of the house. Surely there are enough progressive Democrats in the legislature to favor the keeping of West Virginia in line with other states in this particular.

The child labor bill is another measure which did not deserve the treatment it received at the hands of the committee. It is in force successfully in other states, and is based on humane grounds. Such a bill should receive the consideration which its purpose merits.

Mr. Johnson's Mistake.

Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, in the debate on the army bill, is being extensively applauded by some people for his attitude which lends him to the use of violent language, and Congressman Cannon pronounced a not inappropriate epitaph upon him in the very midst of the praise he was receiving from the Democratic side of the house. The Illinois statesman declared that he wished the gentleman from Indiana had one-tenth the amount of judgment as he had ability. It will be remembered that Johnson was repudiated for his violent opposition to Cuban intervention, and is now venting his disappointment against the President by reflecting on his integrity.

When Mr. Cannon indulged in the above remark he uttered a striking truth. Lack of judgment has brought the Indian to the position in which he now finds himself. His party refused to endorse him in everything he favored. If it had he might have had some backing, or at least have been entitled to some respect on the floor of the house. He confined his manner of debate within the bounds of a decent regard for the rights of his colleagues to differ from him in his policy.

The New York Press aptly remarks that "neither public life nor any other field of co-operative effort has a place for a man who foams into raging ruminations whenever his policy is rejected by his associates. There was much regret among those who watch the personality of Congress when Mr. Johnson's renomination was seen to be impossible last summer, but in view of recent developments it will be agreed that Mr. Johnson's place is not in Congress."

This sizen up Mr. Johnson and his attitude about as they should be estimated. He has made a peculiar exhibition

of himself in the extreme position he has taken and the character of his speeches. His constituents who repudiated him nearly a year ago are not worrying themselves about him; neither is the President nor his associates in the house.

A Constable's Simple Faith.

A New Jersey constable who was sent to capture a burglar, in giving his testimony concerning his success on his mission, which was to Seranton, Pennsylvania, exhibited the rare quality of refusing to take entire credit for the work he did, which was regarded as excellent by the police authorities. The case is remarkable and worthy of note. Charles Baker was the constable's name, and when the burglar was sentenced to the penitentiary, Baker was much praised for his detective work, but modestly declared that the credit did not belong to him, but to the Lord.

It appears that the constable is a devout church member, and when detailed to find the safe robber, he learned that the latter had gone to Seranton. When the constable, according to his own statement, arrived at Seranton he did not know where to look for his prey. So he stood on the street and offered a prayer for guidance. Immediately he became impressed with the idea that he might find his man in a saloon near by, and he walked in, found the burglar drinking at the bar, and placed him under arrest. The sequel to the story is that the burglar was so impressed with Constable Baker's story that he admitted his guilt.

Folks may differ as to whether this was a direct answer to prayer or not, but there was something admirable about the simple faith of the constable. Without desiring to reflect upon the profession, or to detract at all from the just pride its members take in the skill with which they hunt out criminals and bring them to justice, it is not a common thing to find one who is as willing to forego all the credit, as this modest constable of Belvidere, New Jersey, was, though many may feel just as thankful for their success.

Treaty Will be Ratified.

The statement given out by a close friend of Senator Davis to the effect that there is positive assurance of more than the two-thirds necessary for the ratification of the peace treaty by the senate, bears the stamp of authenticity. The further statement is made that when the vote is taken next Monday, sixty-two senators will vote for endorsement.

If this proves true it means that the votes for the treaty will not be confined to the Republican party. There are in the senate forty-six Republicans, thirty-four Democrats, five Populists, two Silver Party, and three classed as independents. While there are differences among Republicans concerning the Philippine problem, it is not known positively that those opposed to what is known as the administration policy will vote against the ratification of the treaty. Should they vote solidly for the ratification, leaving the government of the Philippines to be dealt with by Congress thereafter, the fourteen remaining votes necessary to make up the two-thirds of the membership, will be drawn from the other parties.

Mr. Davis is the chairman of the foreign relations committee, and it is said that his diplomacy is largely the cause of the favorable outlook. He has won many converts to the wisdom of ratifying the treaty and leaving all other matters about which there are differences of opinion to future action. They are not necessarily involved in the acceptance of the terms of peace, and such action will avoid any likelihood of a rejection of any part of the document by the Spanish cortes. In view of the outlook there need be no anxiety regarding the result of the vote to be taken on Monday.

In another column appears a special dispatch published in the New York World of Sunday, giving some of the personal characteristics of Senator-elect Scott, and paying him a high tribute for his management of the revenue bureau during the days when the revenue tax went into force, and the bureau was confronted with an unprecedented situation. The testimony of the World's staff man at Washington as to his treatment of his force when it was called upon to work double time, his indiscriminating application of the law, illustrated by a striking incident, coming from the source it does, will be appreciated by those who know the real qualities of the man.

Even Speaker McKinney, who had three labor bills before the house committee on labor, had his request to hold them over until his return on Monday from Fairmont, ignored, and his bills were knocked out by the committee on Saturday morning. It seems that if there is to be any labor legislation in the house it will have to be forced through on the floor. The committee doesn't seem to appreciate its duty to give ordinarily decent consideration of anything that contemplates needed labor reforms. Speaker McKinney owes it to the credit of the house to appoint a labor committee to be composed of men of common sense. He was doubtless deceived in the appearance of the material he selected.

The cold wave is severe, but if people take proper care of themselves they will not suffer, for there is a bracing quality in the atmosphere which is in favorable contrast to the grip weather which has been so prevalent.

The Gold Production.

New York Journal of Commerce: In discussing the fiscal operations of last year, and the probabilities of the present year, one of the most eminent financial authorities in London lays undue emphasis upon the gold production of this year. "Of money to carry on the numerous industrial developments looming ahead," that authority says, "there should be no lack, as long as the mines of Africa, India, Australia and America continue to produce increasing quantities of gold. Upon this production the future hinges, at any rate, for some time to come."

Regarded as an addition to the world's wealth, an increase of the world's power of investment, the gold production last year was not \$50,000,000, but the difference between that output and the cost of getting it. It might be replied to

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this that the cost came in small sums from a very large number of persons, and while actual wealth was too widely diffused to have any perceptible effect upon the money market or the industrial world, while the addition of fifty million pounds to the world's potential money must have a very great effect. This argument would have had a good deal of force in the days of placer mining, when the cost of mining was contributed by the miner whose little capital had no effect upon the financial world, while the product of his pick and his pan had a great deal. In those days the total production of gold might, from a strictly fiscal point of view, have been regarded as a net addition to the world's wealth.

But gold mining is now, for the most part, a concentrated and capitalized business like the manufacture of pig iron or boots and shoes or cotton cloth. The circulating capital of the world is invested in mines, and mine machinery, and mine labor. Whether the circulating capital of the world is depleted or not by this process depends on the output of the mines. It is notorious that a great many mines are not paying, it is probable that many others pay only moderate profits. The addition of fifty million pounds sterling of gold may increase of the world's ability to invest very much less than this sum; a large amount of capital was absorbed in getting that amount of gold out of the ground and, for the most part, could not be transferred to other forms of production.

If we regard last year's gold production as an addition to the world's currency, it is not likely that so large an amount was necessary to make the investments of last year, or that there will have to be a proportionate production of gold this year "to carry on the numerous industrial developments looming ahead." The money that was in circulation last year, and will be a permanent addition to the world's stock of money, is in circulation this year. Whether it will be invested freely in shares and bonds depends on whether money already invested yields a profit; and this, for two reasons: The profit supplies the means of making the investment, and as every man walks a good deal by experience, the fact that investments have been profitable is a reason for making more investments. The fact that they have not been profitable is a reason for withholding money from investments even though the money be on hand and available for the purpose.

It is entirely profitable for the business of the world to be remunerative, in which event there will be increased capital seeking investment, even though there should be no material addition to the world's stock of precious metals. There might in that event be no stimulus to speculation. There might be small advances on the stock exchanges of the world. But the world would be richer at the end of the year than at the beginning, and that additional wealth would be seeking investment, for in the occidental world no large number of persons are going to take out their profits in coin and put that in a safe deposit vault. They may deposit their funds in a bank, in which case the amount of loanable funds is increased to the advantage of the more active and aggressive business men who are always ready to develop something if they can get the capital on sufficiently easy terms; or they may invest their funds in securities, in which case the amount of money is not reduced at all, but is of somewhat quicker in its circulation. In any case, the question whether the world will invest in the "numerous industrial developments looming ahead" depends very much more on the profits of last year's business than on the amount of gold produced on the Rand, in Colorado, in Westralia or in the Ural mountains. If it will take more money to put in the means and disposition to invest more, if it takes out less than it put in its investment, the amount of money flows from hand to hand, faster or slower, but there is no loss of it though investments may be large, and shares rapidly bought and the ownership of properties frequently changed.

Box Factory and Lumber Burned.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30. — The mahogany lumber yards of J. C. Rayner, Morgan and Fulton streets, and the box factory owned by E. C. Austin, burned to-day, causing a loss of \$225,000. The fire was discovered in the lumber yards by the watchman. Fanned by a strong wind the large stock of seasoned and valuable lumber was all ablaze before the arrival of the first engines of the fire department. The fire spread from the lumber yards to the boarding house owned by Mrs. Smith. The house was destroyed, and the twenty-five lodgers were driven, half clad, into the street, where the temperature at zero. Ten firemen were at Austin's box factory when the flames broke through the roof beneath their feet and they were forced to jump to the ground. All escaped without serious injury. A few minutes later the roof fell in. The box factory was totally destroyed. Frank Meyer, the watchman in the J. C. Rayner building, was severely injured in jumping from the second story of the building. The lumber yard was a block long and about a block wide. The stock, valued at about \$300,000, was the most extensive loss.

Letter out of Wheat Market.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 30. — Joseph Leiter, of Chicago, speculator, in an interview here concerning the recent rise in wheat, is quoted as saying: "I am not paying any attention to wheat now. I have dropped that and am giving my whole attention to the business of forming combinations. However, it is no trouble to account for the rise in wheat. The demand is simply greater than the supply."

Speaking of his work in forming various combinations, etc., Mr. Leiter said: "My last completed work was the organization of the International Air-Power company. That is a company which makes a profit by which compressed air is a motive power. The company is a large one and is already doing business in New York."

Leiter declared that trusts do not raise prices, but keep them down. "When one of these very large companies gets possession of the field it is good business policy to keep prices down to a point where no competitors can reach," said Mr. Leiter.

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A SENSE OF "BEING STARED AT"

A Psychologist who Says That it is all Nonsense.

There are scores of scientific people in the world that seem to find no better fun than demolishing popular notions about things, says the New York Tribune. Here, for instance, is Prof. E. B. Titchener, of Cornell university, who discusses in a letter to Science the widespread belief that a person sitting quietly in an audience occasionally becomes aware that he or she is the object of scrutiny, and, on looking about, finds that this is true.

The Cornell expert declares that there are some facts underneath the supposition, but that the facts have been misinterpreted. That's only a polite way of saying that people are awfully mistaken. In the first place, it is pointed out that a nervous disposition to turn around in one's seat, glance over one's shoulders and perhaps fumble the back hair, is a curious trait of many well-bred as well as many ill-bred folk. In the second place it is argued that in any large and well-lit auditorium there will always be several persons so seated as to be looking, naturally, and not by design, toward the spot where any individual may be. Consequently if the individual turns around and begins to survey the house he cannot fail to catch the eye of some one, who will thus appear to have singled him out. The muscles are always under more or less unconscious strain that calls for some sort of action to secure relief. It is this that deludes a person into the belief that he "must" turn about in his chair. Prof. Titchener insists that such compulsion is no more mysterious than the disposition to turn one's car so as to better catch a sound.

That this Cornell person is a heartless wretch, as well as a hardened skeptic is evident from the gold-mined way in which he presents his final plea. He asserts that he has experimented with a lot of persons that pretended to be sensitive to the gaze of other persons, or to be able thus to influence other people. And he says that he invariably gets "negative results." By which he doubtless means that the sensitive folk cannot be persuaded to look around at the proper moment and in the right direction, and that those who lay claim to a special capacity for controlling others fail to control 'em. The goblins will catch Prof. Titchener some night "if he don't watch out."

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Be happy and you can pose as being good.

Women aren't any more of a mystery to man than their clothes are.

A woman is bound to have trouble; if it isn't servants or mumps she goes to house-cleaning.

There is no place where a woman can have such a good cry as sitting down on the floor.

There is one thing a woman can't forgive in her husband; it's to have him come home on time, when she has thought up a lot of heart-breaking remarks about his staying out late.—New York Press.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Lacked Interest—Buswick—"Old Stubbs had a very slim funeral." Van Brunt—"Yes, the funeral was read the day before."—Philadelphia North American.

It Will Happen Now—Chief of Detectives (dreadfully)—"I was just wondering—Assistant—'What?' Chief of Detectives—"Who'll be the first actress who will have poisoned candy sent to her by mail."—Puck.

"Now, children," said the Sunday-school teacher, "can you tell me of a greater power than a king?" "Yes, ma'am," cried a little boy, eagerly. "What, Willie?" asked the teacher, benignly. "An ace, ma'am," was the unexpected reply.—Tit-Bits.

Out of Place—Mabel—"I'll never invite Pan Biliwick to a box party at the theatre again as long as I live! Never!" Maud—"Don't you know how to behave?" Mabel—"No, I keep asking, 'Hush, I want to hear the play!'"—Chicago Tribune.

"When I reckon up what it costs me for ammunition, the clothes I ruin tramping around, and what I lose by neglecting my business, every bird I shot cost me \$5." "Then it's lucky for you that you only hit one in ten; if you were a better shot you'd bankrupt yourself."—Harper's Weekly.

Making Allowances—"Don't you admire Wagner?" asked the young woman who is fond of music. "Yes," answered the young man with wide ears, "he was all right for his day, but we can't form a fair estimate of what he might have done if he had had the chance. Ragtime wasn't invented when he wrote."—Washington Star.

Mother's Song.

When the thrushes cease their singing and the wild bees leave the clover;
When the glory of the sunset fades and the leaves the heavens leave;
When above the hill and mountains misty shades of twilight hover,
And the discords of the daytime far away in distance fall;

When the rath wheat gently rushes and the timid aspens shiver,
And the west winds, sighing softly, scents from the sleeping flowers bring;
When the peewits cry together plaintively by brook and river—
Then it is that I hear the old song that my mother used to sing.

Round my neck I feel the pressure of her hand, warm and slender,
And in sleeping dreams and waking I have felt it many times.
Just as when of old I listened to that dim, quaint tender,
Till the haze that waved above us caught the cadence of the rhymes;

And my heart throbs loud and quickly as I hear it rising clear and vision,
Youth is mine, its hopes and visions, dreams and plans are mine again;
Earth is fairer, life is sweeter—aye, and heaven itself seems nearer—
To me as I list in fancy to that ne'er forgotten strain.

—Chambers' Journal.

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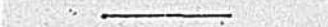
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